



Media Release: UN High Level Commissioner, Dr. Alaa Murabit to Visit Edmonton

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EDMONTON, AB - On September 16th, 2016, Dr. Alaa Murabit, one of 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Advocates appointed by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, will be giving the keynote presentation at the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation's Annual Conference. The keynote presentation titled "*The Power to Decide: The Role of Women in Creating a Sustainable Future*" will look at women's roles in inclusive peace processes and sustainable development and will draw on Dr. Murabit's experience as the founder of *Voice of Libyan Women*.

Alaa Murabit is a medical doctor, UN High-Level Commissioner with a strong focus on challenging societal and cultural norms and utilizing traditional and historical role models. Dr. Murabit's champions women's participation in peace processes and conflict mediation.

"Now more than ever women need to stick together to promote our collective safety and dignity and to nurture our message, a message which can travel only as far as our voices can project it... The message of my generation is not new. It is the message of your generation and generations before. It is the spirit of Beijing. It is the refusal to be ignored, overlooked, and minimized. It is a message of no more violence, no more gender caps in the economy, in politics or in the home."

The keynote will take place at the Telus International Center on the University of Alberta campus. The evening will open with a reception and NGO fair at 6:30 pm with the keynote presentation beginning at 7:30 pm. Member of Parliament Linda Duncan will provide opening remarks. The keynote presentation is featured as part of the Annual Conference of the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation Annual Conference "A World of Opportunity: Are You Ready?". The conference will continue on September 17th with panels on the Sustainable Development Goals, Environmental Sustainability, and Gender Equity. Tickets for the keynote address and reception are available for the public to purchase (\$20 regular price, \$10 student and low income) at <http://acgc2016conference.eventbrite.ca/>. Media passes are available. For further information, please visit <http://acgc2016conference.eventbrite.ca/>

About the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation

The Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC) is a coalition of over 60 voluntary sector organizations located in Alberta, working locally and globally to achieve sustainable human development. ACGC works towards ending poverty and achieving a peaceful and healthy world, with dignity and full participation for all. The Council, one of eight provincial and regional councils across Canada, has a mandate to promote and mobilize greater Albertan participation in international development. For more information see www.acgc.ca

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